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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6671

BILL NUMBER: HB 1346

DATE PREPARED: Dec 10, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School Participation in Athletics Associations.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits a school corporation from participating in an interscholastic athletic association or an event sponsored by an interscholastic athletic association unless the interscholastic athletic association is governed by a seven-member board elected at the primary election held in general election years in districts established by the Indiana State Board of Education.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Department of Education could incur a minimal increase in administrative time and cost fulfilling the requirements of this bill. In determining how to divide the State into seven districts based on contiguous school corporations and equal populations, the State Board of Education could decide to hold up to ten additional public hearings (one hearing per congressional district). Currently the State Board of Education holds 11 hearings per year at a cost of approximately \$1,200 per hearing.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill would allow school corporations to participate in athletic events conducted, organized, sanctioned, or sponsored by the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) only if the IHSAA is governed by a board elected by the citizenry of Indiana. Currently, the IHSAA is governed by a board elected by high school principals.

School corporations, and counties adding IHSAA board candidate names on primary election ballots would incur no additional costs as a result of this bill.

Background

Current Board: The IHSAA currently regulates, supervises, and administers interschool athletic activities among its 384 member high schools. It determines qualifications of individual contestants, coaches, and officials. The Association was organized in 1903. The IHSAA is governed by its legislative body, the Board of Directors. Composed of 18 members who are elected by member school principals from five IHSAA legislative districts, the directors serve staggered three-year terms. The Board of Directors meets annually with the responsibility of establishing IHSAA rules and regulations. Within the Board of Directors is the Executive Committee, composed of directors serving the second and third years of their three-year terms. The Executive Committee meets monthly and is responsible for organizing and directing state tournaments and meets, among other administrative duties.

Public Law 15-2000

Public Law 15-2000 required the IHSAA to establish a case review panel comprised of parents, high school principals, and athletic directors appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Case Review Panel examines the application and interpretation of IHSAA rules, and makes decisions regarding individual cases brought forth by concerned parents.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations, Counties.

Information Sources: Kevin McDowell, Department of Education, (317) 232-6647; IHSAA website: <http://www.ishaa.org>.